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FOLLOWING MESSAGE, DRAFTED BY GENERAL HAMLETT IN COLLABORATION  
IN GUFLER AND BURNS, BEING DESPATCHED BOTH MILITARY AND STATE  
CHANNELS:

BEGIN TEXT.

AT THE MEETING OF THE KOMMANDATURA TODAY THE THREE COMMANDANTS  
DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE DANGERS INHERENT IN OUR CURRENT  
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN  
THE EVENT EAST GERMAN PERSONNEL REPLACE SOVIETS AT CHECKPOINTS  
ON RAIL AND AUTOBAHN. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT CURRENT  
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS WOULD FORCE US TO TAKE THE FIRST  
STEP TOWARD DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THE GDR AND THAT THIS  
WOULD BE A STEP FROM WHICH IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WITH-  
DRAW. THAT AFTER THIS FIRST STEP WE WOULD BE SLOWLY SQUEEZED  
INTO WHAT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR THE GERMANS WOULD LABEL

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AS DE JURE RECOGNITION. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED UNANIMOUSLY  
THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO OUR SUPERIORS THAT THESE  
CURRENT CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN ON THE  
BASIS OF UTMOST URGENCY SINCE AT ANY TIME OUR SHIP MAY BE  
SCUTTLED BY SOME SOVIET ACTION WHICH WOULD PUT OUR PRESENT  
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS INTO EFFECT. I FURTHER RECOMMEND  
THAT WE IN CONCERT WITH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH BE AUTHORIZED TO  
DRAFT CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THOSE  
FOR WHICH WE ARE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION, IN  
ORDER THAT APPROVAL MAY BE OBTAINED SOONEST.

END TEXT.

GALLER

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